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To: Brian Baird
Cc: Douvere, Fanny
Subject: West Coast Governors' Ocean Health Agreement Discussion Paper

Hi, Brian,

Thanks for sending us the status report of the West Coast Governors' Ocean Health Agreement Discussion Paper. It's good to see that there is a breath of fresh air blowing on the West Coast! Hope you can keep up that momentum.

You might like to take a look at a new "White Paper" on the UK's Marine Bill that was also issued yesterday (a White Paper is a document issued by a UK government department that contains detailed proposals for legislation. It is the final stage before the government introduces its proposals to Parliament in the form of a Bill). It's very comprehensive with proposals for changes in protected areas, permitting, fisheries management, and a new Marine Management Organization to act as a champion for integrated management of the seas of the UK. However, its most interesting proposal is the creation of a new strategic planning system that would create a series of marine spatial plans. Have a quick look at pp. 18-40 to see what they are proposing since I think it's relevant to your work. Page 24 has a reference to the Belgian approach documented in the book that Fanny passed out at the UNESCO workshop last November and an article we wrote last year on international experiences.

Hope everything is well with you.

Best regards,
Bud and Fanny

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